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FOR S/NM AND EA FROM REGIONAL NARCOTICS COORDINATOR

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TAGS: SNAR, OREP, TH, MY
SUBJECT: NARCOTICS

REF: WELLINGTON 3280

1. AS REPORTED BY SEPTELS, CODEL MANN/EVANS VISIT TO THAILAND PROVED TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND APPEARED TO CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVING US-RTG NARCOTICS COOPERATION. CONGRESSMAN EVANS IN PARTICULAR DEMONSTRATED A STRONG INTEREST IN NARCOTICS CONTROL AND A GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF INC POLICIES AND PROGRAMS AS PRESENTED IN DEPARTMENT BRIEFING MATERIALS AND EMBASSY BANGKOK BRIEFINGS. COORDINATOR BELIEVES THAT S/NM AND EA WOULD DERIVE BENEFIT FROM A FOLLOW UP ON THIS VISIT IN FORMAL OR INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH CONGRESSMEN BY SENIOR ADVISOR FALCO AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE.

2. ACCORDING TO COLOMBO PLAN DRUG ADVISOR ABARRO, THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT WILL BE HOLDING A MEETING IN KUALA LUMPUR IN JANUARY 1979. IF REGIONAL NARCOTICS CONFERENCE IS STILL PLANNED FOR JANUARY, COORDINATOR SUGGESTS THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO TIME OUR

CONFERENCE TO OVERLAP THIS MEETING FOR A JOINT SESSION
ON REGIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL. ABARRO WILL ASK EMBASSY
COLOMBO TO ADVISE DEPARTMENT OF DATES WHEN SET.

3. A RTG NATIONAL ENFORCEMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD IN
CHIANG MAI FROM AUGUST 21-24. ONCB OFFICIALS INDICATED
AN INVITATION COULD BE EXTENDED TO EMBASSY BANGKOK AND
S/NM OFFICERS IN THE REGION DURING THIS PERIOD, AS WAS
DONE FOR THE PATTAYA MEETING.

4. COORDINATOR HAS BEEN PRESSED ON FOUR OCCASIONS FOR
A FAVORABLE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSAL FOR
NARCOTICS TRAINING FOR SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM STATES IN
NEW ZEALAND. BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON, COORDINATOR
UNDERSTOOD THAT RESPONSE TO WELLINGTON MESSAGE ON THIS
SUBJECT WOULD BE FORTHCOMING SHORTLY AND BELIEVES THIS
NEW INITIATIVE FOR REGIONAL PROGRAM PROPOSED BY FRIENDLY
GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE ANSWERED IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE
TIME. MURPHY

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